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Demolition scheduled on former Pinecastle Jeep Range *Munitions to be detonated on undeveloped private property*

Jacksonville, Fla. – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District announced today that several more WW II-era munitions have been recovered on the former Pinecastle Jeep Range site, a formerly used defense site in Orlando.

The munitions, two 75-mm projectiles, four 90-mm projectiles, four 23-pound fragmentation bombs, eight 37-mm projectiles, eleven 20-pound practice bombs, two 5-inch rockets, six 40-mm projectiles, 2 flares, 2 fuze bombs, and one 100-pound Burster bomb, were recovered **on the privately-owned Mockingbird, LLC property**. Removal by detonation, similar to those that have taken place in the past several months, will occur on Thursday, April 24; Friday, April 25 and potentially Monday, April 28, at approximately 4:30 p.m. each day. Engineering controls will be used to ensure safety and limit the noise and debris from the blast. The removal action poses no danger to people in the area.

This work is part of a Time Critical Removal Action currently under way. The undeveloped Mockingbird, LLC property was included in the ongoing TCRA after munitions were found on the surface of the ground and removed from the property last summer.

Safety is always the Corps' top priority. Should anyone encounter or suspect they have encountered munitions, it is vitally important that they follow the simple "3 Rs" of explosives safety: **Recognize** the item may be dangerous; **Retreat** and do not touch it; **Report** its location to the local Sheriff's Office immediately.



On behalf of the Department of Defense, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers cleans up sites that were formerly used by the military. In 1943, the U.S. government leased 12,483 acres of land in Orlando (Orange County) as an off-post site of the Pinecastle Army Airfield, for use as a gunnery and demonstration range. The site was declared surplus property and all leases were terminated by December 1947.

For more information about the former Pinecastle Jeep Range, please visit our web site at www.saj.usace.army.mil and click on the Pinecastle Jeep Range link or contact the Corporate Communication Office at 904-232-1576 or 1-800-291-9413.

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